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For: BIOPOLYMER BASED ON LACTOCOCCUS
LACTIS NRRL B-30656, PROCESS FOR
CULTURING LACTOCOCCUS LACTIS
NRRL B-30656, AND PROCESS FOR
PREPARING THE BIOPOLYMER

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FIRST PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification are reflected beginning on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.